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IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MR. GLENN AND MRS. LYDIA
HUNDERTMARK IN CELEBRATION
OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNI-
VERSARY: NOVEMBER 6, 2004

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker I rise today in honor and recognition of Glenn and Lydia Hundertmark, as they celebrate 50 years of devotion to each other, to their family and to their extended family and many close friends. This unbreakable union represents a deep and abiding love, not only for each other, but also for their children, grandchildren and for their community.

Glenn Hundertmark and Lydia Nikishin met in the early 1950s while working at the Pick-n-Pay grocery store at Fulton and Memphis. Glenn left to serve our country during the Korean War in the United States Navy as an Aviation Mechanic. When Glenn returned home, he and Lydia dated, fell in love and became engaged in 1954. On November 6, 1954 they were married at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church by Reverend Herbert Blickensderfer.

Glenn worked for Cleveland Twist Drill Co. and American Steel and Wire until he became a fireman for the city of Cleveland in 1961. He worked in various fire stations over the years as a Lieutenant, then as Captain, until retiring in 1984. Lydia worked at Associates Finance Co. before they started their family in 1955. Being a full-time mom to Lynn, Ruth, Paul and Kathryn quickly became the main focus and joy of Lydia's life.

Together, Glenn and Lydia created memorable holiday celebrations. Every Christmas morning, their children would wake up to a beautiful tree and gifts that they built. Lydia would sew Halloween costumes, and Glenn made carving a pumpkin an art form. Birthdays were special days with favorite meals being served and grandparents, aunts and uncles joining the party. Their young family played board games, went on picnics and hikes and went for boat rides on the "Busy Liz." Glenn and Lee took their family on a variety of vacations each year from camping and fishing trips, to the trip of a lifetime traveling out west for a month in 1973. The beloved Rustic Rest in Vermilion holds cherished memories that began with Glenn's childhood and has continued throughout his grandchildren's lives.

Glenn and Lydia taught their children the value of tradition by sharing stories and keepsakes of their ancestors—giving them a clear understanding and appreciation of their German, Russian and Ukrainian heritage. The family baptismal gown was sewn in 1911 by Glenn's grandmother Ida Christianer, and has been worn by every newborn baby since. The Santa Claus suit that was made by Gordon and Ruth Hundertmark in 1960 thrilled their children and grandchildren when Santa Claus visited them every Christmas. On Easter, you will still hear Mildred and George Nikishin's blessing: "Christos Voskres; Voyistino

Voskres," being spoken, while Millie's tradition of homemade Paska bread is shared by all.

As much as Glenn and Lydia love their family, they also love their friends. Glenn's fellow firemen and their families, and the families of the Orchard Avenue neighborhood, became like second families to the Hundertmark's. There was always a neighborhood picnic or party planned, ending with everyone being thrown in their neighbor's pool. They had Halloween parties, Christmas parties, and 35 Dance Club parties. They vacationed together in large groups, taking the party on the road. Lifelong friendships were formed.

Throughout their lives, Glenn and Lydia have volunteered their time and talents within their community. Their dedication to helping others is evidenced at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, homeless shelters and in causes including Cerebral Palsy and Habitat for Humanity. In their spare time, they could always be found at their grandchildren's sporting events, choir concerts and award nights.

Their great joy for life radiates throughout every aspect of their lives. Glenn and Lee are fabulous dancers, they are animal lovers, they have traveled all over the world—they are can-do people who have always been there for everyone. Lydia has nursed her adult children back to health, proving you will always need your mother. She is famous for her exceptional potato salad—and a picnic wouldn't be a picnic without it! Glenn has an unbelievable memory and tells wonderful, colorful stories. They have an extensive collection of slides capturing their life's story.

Glenn and Lydia were faithful children to their parents—George, Mildred, Gordon and Ruth—who are no longer with us, but are here today in spirit. They are parents, grandparents, a brother, a sister, a mother and father-in-law, a brother and sister-in-law, an aunt and uncle, cousins, a friend—and together, they are surely one. Their legacy will be one of dedication to their family, to their church, to their community, and their devoted faithful service to the Lord.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Glenn and Lydia Hundertmark, as we join them in celebration of this momentous occasion—their 50th wedding anniversary. Glenn and Lydia Hundertmark continue to inspire us to understand our past, to follow our dreams, to give back to our community, and to hold family closest to our hearts.

RECOGNIZING THE LIBERTY SAFE
SCHOOL TASK FORCE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Liberty Safe School Task Force. The Liberty Safe School Task Force is a group of about 35 dedicated citizens, who work closely with the United States Attorney's Office, the Kansas City office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Liberty Police Department, the Missouri State Patrol, and Liberty Hospital to increase public awareness of the important issues facing our children today. One example of a successful past initiative organized by the Task Force was the "Buckle

Up" campaign, which encouraged safety belt use. Without the Task Force, "Buckle Up" and countless other lasting and effective child safety oriented community initiatives would have been impossible.

The success of the Liberty Safe School Task Force has been so dramatic, that the program is now being used as a model for other schools. I am confident that thanks to the Safe School Task Force, Liberty's children will be better prepared to address difficult and complex issues as the future leaders of our communities, state, and nation.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating the Liberty Safe School Task Force. This group of fine citizens has demonstrated a truly outstanding commitment to the safety of Liberty's children, and I am proud to call them constituents of Missouri's Sixth District.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
JEWELL DUVAL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Jewell Duvall has provided outstanding service and contributions to the House community during her tenure in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer; and

Whereas, Jewell Duvall provided support to not only the CAO, but also to Leadership, the Committee on House Administration, other House officers, Member and Committee offices, and the general public; and

Whereas, Jewell Duvall has worked diligently during her time in Washington, D.C., to serve the individuals with respect and a sense of priority; and

Whereas, Jewell Duvall provided extensive administrative support to the Incident Commander during the September 11th and anthrax crises of 2001; and

Whereas, Jewell Duvall was a valuable asset to the House of Representatives community and the general public.

Therefore, I join with members of Congress and their staff in recognizing Jewell Duvall for her exceptional work and immense contributions, and wish her the very best during her retirement.

RECOGNIZING JOHN R.
BLACKBURN, JR.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John R. Blackburn, Jr. upon his retirement from the Board of Directors of UPMC Bedford Memorial. His presence on the board, which has become a symbol of security and stability, will be sorely missed.

As a life-long resident of Bedford County, Mr. Blackburn has connected with citizens in the area in a way that few are able. Since 1955, Mr. Blackburn has worked diligently to make positive changes throughout the hospital so that the area's health care would improve.